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Largest single contract for San Antonio BRAC program awarded

\$556 million project will expand Brooke Army Medical Center by as much as 50 percent

FORT WORTH, Texas – The construction phase of the biggest and most complex individual project of the San Antonio Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program has formally begun with the award of a \$556 million contract for additions and renovations to Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) on Fort Sam Houston. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has awarded the contract to Clark/Hunt, Joint Venture, which is headquartered in Tampa, Florida.

The changes to BAMC will allow the facility to absorb additional medical responsibilities as part of the BRAC implementation process. The military inpatient care currently provided at Wilford Hall Medical Center will be consolidated at BAMC. Throughout the construction and renovation work, all medical services are expected to be fully maintained. Upon completion of the project, BAMC will be re-designated as the north campus of the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC), or SAMMC North.

This effort will bring more than 760,000 square feet of new space to the BAMC complex. A multi-story addition will house a Level 1 trauma center, operating rooms, clinical and administrative space, and an extension of BAMC's internationally acclaimed burn center. A 5,000 space parking garage will also be built, as well as a central energy plant. Approximately 288,000 square feet of the existing BAMC facilities will be renovated.

The San Antonio BRAC Program is a construction and renovation initiative to provide the facilities that will accommodate the movement of military personnel and missions to the city required under the 2005 BRAC law. Construction work is scheduled to take place across San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases through September 2011. In all, the San Antonio BRAC Program will involve building and renovating as many as 78 major facilities that amount to more than six million square feet of space. The total cost of BRAC and related military construction projects is projected to exceed \$2 billion.

Corps Awards San Antonio BRAC Contract

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers are working on the San Antonio BRAC Program as members of the Joint Program Management Office (JPMO), which is overseeing the design and construction efforts. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Corps, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and private-sector contractors.

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